

Elba Chamber of Commerce plans "Dining for Signs" event

The Elba Chamber of Commerce hosted a "Dining for Signs" event in August of 2004. The purpose of the event was to raise funds for the purchase of a lighted, brick sign to be placed at the Highway 87 (Troy Highway) entranceway into the City of Elba.

Chamber officials said the event was an overwhelming success, and construction of the enhanced welcoming tool recently was completed at the

Highway 87 entranceway.

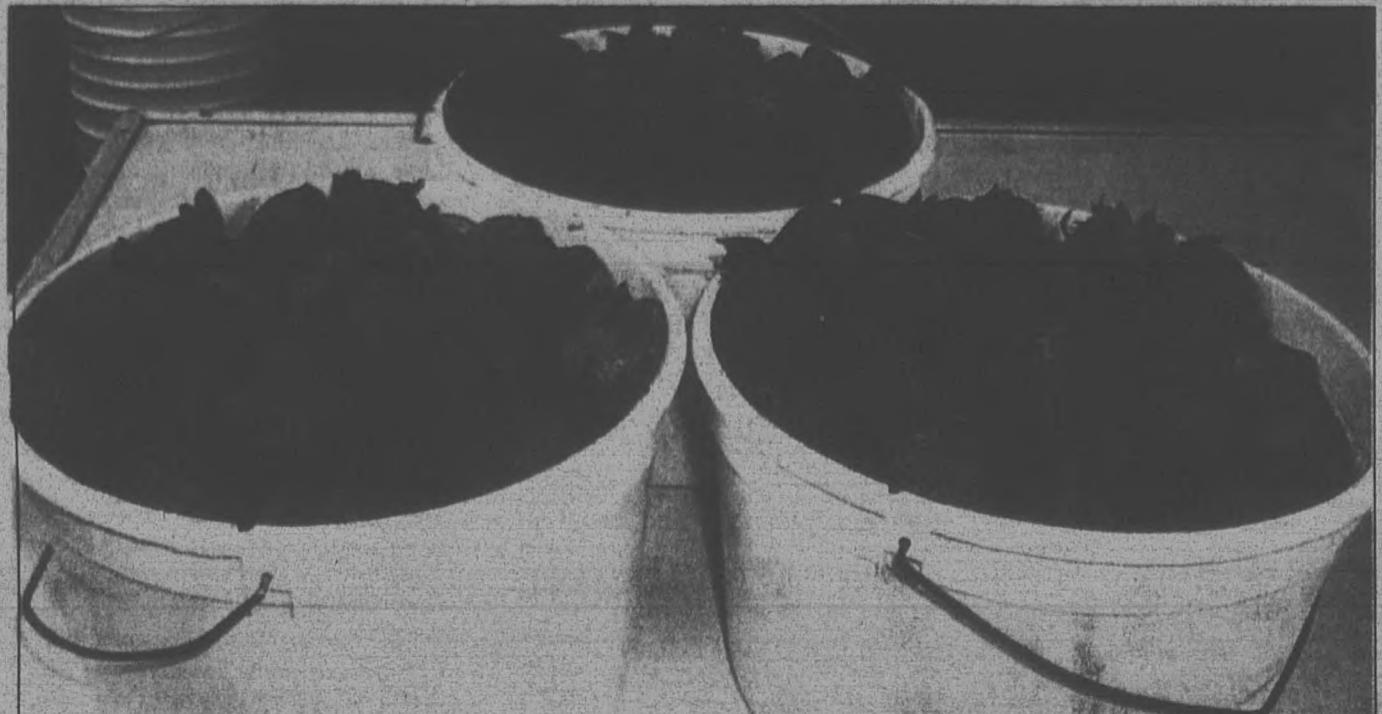
Kaye Whitworth, executive director of the Elba Chamber of Commerce, announced this week that the chamber is planning a second "Dining for Signs" event for Thursday, May 18, at the Elba Recreation Center, Claxton Avenue, at 6:30 p.m.

"We had a great response from the first 'Dining for Signs' and look forward to this upcoming event," Whitworth said.

For more information regarding "Dining for Signs" contact the Elba Chamber of Commerce office at 897-3125.

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During Elba BOE meeting

Superintendent reports good financial conditions

by Ferrin Cox, Publisher

The Elba City School Board members heard good news from Superintendent Danny Weeks last Thursday evening during the review of the financial statement.

Weeks told board members that the school's financial condition was "as sound as we have been."

The local schools, as most in Alabama, are just beginning to overcome the financial hit they took during recent years when state funds to local schools were proportioned after budgets had been approved and teachers hired.

The schools are required to maintain a minimum cash reserve to cover such emergencies. The Elba system had to dip heavily into those reserves once when promised state funds were suddenly reduced.

The superintendent reminded board members that he had informed them at the last monthly meeting of his actions at their request to put out of his required reserve on higher yielding CDs.

The school now has four of these interest bearing certificates at \$100,000 each.

Weeks addressed the board with sever-

al items of interest to board members, parents, teachers and area citizens:

The CNP Fund (lunchrooms) is also sound, with the necessary state department reserves also in place.

The board voted to adopt the new state textbook list. Science books were up for review this year and were approved by a state committee and a committee from the local school system. Adopting the state list doesn't necessarily mean the books will be purchased this year. That is based on needs and available money in the textbook fund.

The board approved the disability retirement of David Stokes, beginning May 1, 2006.

Amelia Rhoades' resignation as head volleyball coach was also approved. She will remain in the school system, but is stepping down as a coach.

Sending the annual termination letter to all tenured and probationary personnel was also approved at the recommendation of the superintendent.

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A GOOD FRIDAY PRAYER MEETING was held last Friday, April 14, at Noon on the square in Elba. The event was hosted by Basin, Westside and First Baptist churches of Elba. Those attending the short prayer service gathered around the gazebo on the courthouse lawn and listened to spiritual words provided by the sponsoring pastors. Above, citizens listen as Nathan Carroll, pastor of Basin Baptist Church, speaks about the importance of Good Friday to Christians.

Pulitzer Prize winner bears family ties to Elba

Terri Callaway Troncale, editorial page editor of The Times-Picayune in New Orleans, was part of a news team which won two coveted Pulitzer Prizes for their 2005 coverage of Hurricane Katrina and the flooding which followed. The announcement was made on Monday of this week.

A Pulitzer prize is considered journalism's most prestigious honor.

The two awards were a gold medal for meritorious public service and for distinguished reporting of breaking news for Katrina coverage. The public service award came with a gold medal while the Distinguished Reporting award carried a \$10,000 cash award.

Troncale grew up in Ozark and is the daughter of Bill Callaway of Elba and the granddaughter of the late B. B. and Viria Mae Fuller of Elba. Her mother, the late Emma Jean Fuller Callaway died in August, 2004 and is buried in Evergreen Cemetery of Elba.

She was in a group of about 10 reporters, editors and photographers who stayed in New Orleans to work after the paper had to evacuate its building Aug. 30 and move to Baton Rouge because of flooding. Much of the news reporting work during those first hectic days was done out of her personal home, which was damaged but survived the flooding and became a temporary news bureau headquarters.

Troncale said in Tuesday's Times-Picayune noted, "The gold medal for public service was awarded, the judges said, for the newspaper's 'heroic, multifaceted coverage' of Hurricane Katrina and its aftermath, making exceptional use of the newspaper's resources to serve an inundated city even after evacuation of the newspaper."

She is a University of Alabama graduate and earned a

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Residents reminded of trash pickup schedule

by Linda Hodge, Editor

During the regular monthly meeting Monday evening, April 3, New Brockton Town Council members reminded citizens of the town's scheduled route for trash and landfill pickup.

Mayor Charles Cole said the route remains as follows, and trash will only be picked up according to this schedule:

Monday: Sugar St., Ross St., Adams St., Lee St., S. Dawkins Church St., S. John from traffic light to Glory to Him Fellowship S. Tyler, E. and S. McGowan, Byrd Mill Rd., Powell Rd., Criss Mill Rd. and E. McKinnon

Tuesday: Metcalf, Rainey, Brock, King, N. Dawkins, Cemetery St., N. John, Fleming, Railroad, Rowe Bridge Rd. and Sparks St.

Wednesday: Landfill - whole town

Sutton announces candidacy for Sheriff of Coffee County

Dave Sutton recently announced his candidacy for the State Senate representing all of Coffee and Covington counties and parts of Dale and Houston counties.

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pay his way through college and law school. He joined the Marine Corps in 1970 and served in Vietnam, Thailand and Japan and retired from the Marine Corps Reserve as a full Colonel.

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leaves and limbs and 2) landfill. He said the types of trash must be separated because they go to two different places.

According to the rules, leaves, grass and pine needles must be bagged while limbs cannot exceed four inches in diameter and four feet in length. Trash for the landfill includes metal, wood, glass, plastic and old appliances.

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Area Happenings

THE ELBA PUBLIC LIBRARY is now open on Saturdays from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m.

THE COFFEE COUNTY EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS BOARD will meet to review its monthly board meeting agenda April 26, at 6:30 p.m. in the GAMA911 conference room in the county office complex in New Brockton. The public is invited to attend.

THE ALABAMA REPUBLICAN PARTY'S 57 COUNTY LEADERSHIP TEAM will be in Elba Saturday, April 22, from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Elba Community Center.

THE COFFEE COUNTY FISHING FESTIVAL will be held Saturday, April 22, from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. at the Coffee Creek Park in Elba.

FORMER GOVERNOR DON SEIGLEMAN, left, was passing through Elba between campaign stops, on a recent Saturday afternoon and asked to see the progress, and results, of the Elba levee rehab which was begun during his administration. The work was funded with a \$19 million combined state and federal grant. Above Elba Clipper publisher Ferrin Cox is explaining the automatic gauges which help monitor the river stages over the entire Pea River basin. They are funded and monitored by the Choctawhatchee, Pea & Yellow Rivers Watershed Management Authority.

EDITORIAL

BRAINSTORMS
with Ferrin Cox

Avoid war with Iran. That is our advice to America's leaders. They shouldn't need such words from a country newspaper editor, but then they were surprised that Iraq didn't suddenly become a quiet, peace loving nation once Saddam was out of power. We wrote at the time Washington began talking about invading Iraq "and making them a democratic state" that those folks have been fighting each other through out recorded history and are not about to stop because we tell them to do so. Now we have a tiger by the tail and there is no good way to turn loose.

Judas as the good guy. That is the story coming from some just released writings of long, long ago. The story goes that Judas betrayed Jesus at the request of Jesus himself. That goes completely against the teachings of the Holy Bible . . . and our beliefs. It is real simple to find books today which contradict the known facts. Some folks write such stuff just to sell books, there are others who probably believe some part of their story, or at least disbelieve the fact. We are still hearing different ideas of how certain famous people died . . . right on back to King Tut. The killing of President Kennedy is not the first to stir up emotions, nor is his assassin's death. There are books which "prove" conspiracy to kill President Lincoln, President Garfield, dozens which advance differing ideas of the cause of the Civil War. The list goes on and on. This Judas story countermatters all other records of that day and doesn't deserve even the space we have devoted to it here.

At Jacksonville State University six of ten honor grads this Spring are getting degrees in . . . education, mostly elementary. That should bode well with the future of our upcoming generations of youngsters eager to learn . . . assuming these new graduates can teach as well as they learn.

The Alabama Legislature has adjourned from the 2006 regular session. It happened in the wee hours of this morning, therefore we must reserve judgement on the session until we find out exactly what they did . . . or did not pass on this last day. The constitutional amendment that hung up the session on this last day maybe met it's just reward. Most of us don't like the idea of government taking or property for any purpose. The idea of taking our property and giving it to some other individual or company so they can make money really grates on our nerves. We have a law to stop that already. However, this new version, or constitutional amendment, apparently really causes a change in operations. Many state and city groups came out fighting the bill and fought until the dying hour of April 17th. Adding amendments or taking out clauses didn't seem to help much. That bill is dead, at least for a while, no debate on that fact anywhere in Alabama. If it is a good idea to have this in a constitutional amendment, we suggest offering the very law the legislature has already passed, no changes, not even a comma. That will make the law a bit harder to change in the middle of the night and at the same time opponents can't claim they are being shafted.

Elba Police Report

The Elba Police Department, beginning Monday, Apr. 10, 2006, investigated the following incidents: one theft of property, three for domestic violence, one forgery, two for criminal mischief and one reckless endangerment.

The following arrests were made: one for a parole violation and two for failure to appear.

Traffic citations issued during the week were as follows: two for speeding, one for no driver's license, two for a vehicle ordinance violation, two for no insurance and two for no warning and two for a seat belt.

Daily activity highlights for the week were as follows:

MONDAY, APR. 10 - Coffee County EMS dispatched to 1032 Martin Luther King Dr., Lot 8 (9:16 p.m.); Fight in progress reported at 1623 Parker St. (10:23 p.m.).

WEDNESDAY, APR. 12 - Civil disturbance reported on Brinson Circle (8:12 p.m.).

THURSDAY, APR. 13 - Coffee County EMS dispatched to 857 County Rd. 134 (6:26 a.m.); Elba Fire Department dispatched to a grass fire on County Rd. 501 (1:38 p.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to County Rd. 501 (1:42 p.m.); Two-vehicle wreck reported on Hwy. 87 N. (2:52 p.m.).

FRIDAY, APR. 14 - Domestic disturbance reported at 1032 Martin Luther King Dr., Lot 8 (9:16 p.m.); Fight in progress reported at 1623 Parker St. (10:23 p.m.).

SATURDAY, APR. 15 - Attempted burglary reported at 128 Old Curtis Rd. (1:16 p.m.); Disturbance (noise) reported on Jackson St. at the park (10:02 p.m.).

SUNDAY, APR. 16 - Coffee County EMS dispatched to 6763 County Rd. 410 (11:08 a.m.); Domestic disturbance reported on Jackson St. (4:46 p.m.); Domestic disturbance reported on County Rd. 410 (8:01 p.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to County Rd. 417 (8:14 p.m.); Report of vehicles drag racing on Hwy. 189 S. near Shiloh Baptist Church (11:25 p.m.).

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agent. He also is a graduate of the Command and General Staff Army College.

As his Army career neared an end with a promotion to the rank of Lieutenant Colonel, Sutton once again became involved in law enforcement. He applied and was accepted to join the Elba Police reserve program which led him to attend and graduate from the Southwest Alabama Police Academy attaining his law enforcement certification in Alabama.

A short time later, Sutton was hired by the Ozark Police Department as a full-time officer. After two years with the department, he was selected by the Army to be an instructor in the Junior Reserve Officers Corps. Sutton accepted this position and has now been with the Enterprise High School JROTC for seven years as the Senior Army Instructor.

"My overall goal is to become the next Sheriff of Coffee County," Sutton said. "I will surround my program with excellent personnel with all the same traits I believe in - Loyalty, Duty, Respect, Honor, Integrity and Personal Courage."

As a leader, Sutton said he will provide purpose, direction and motivation to those that work with and for me.

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ELBA FILLED WITH ARTISTS...The artwork of many Elba residents is on display through the end of April at the Elba Public Library. The oil painting selections on display are from classes taught by Linda Rawls of Rose Hill. Rawls comes to the Elba Recreation Center on Monday mornings and Thursday evenings to teach classes. To find out more, visit the Elba Public Library.

SAWYER

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age," said Sawyer. "My father was in the Air Force and fought in World War II. My parents and grandparents were good neighbors and good citizens in Coffee County. They believed in giving back, and that is why I am running for the State Senate."

Sawyer said his focus will be on improving local schools in the area and fighting to repeal the sales tax on food and prescription drugs as two of his top priorities.

"My grandparents and parents ran a small grocery store in New Brockton for almost 100 years. As a boy, I remember people coming into the store; we would work hard for a living; we scraped by to get by, but they had to pay sales tax on the essentials of food and medicine," Sawyer said. "That is wrong. It is immoral, and I will fight to eliminate the sales tax on food and medicine."

Sawyer also said he will fight to make local schools and the community college system a high priority for funding.

"Everyone knows our schools need more funding so that we

can give the best education possible to our young people," he said. "I do not believe that our local schools should continue to suffer lack of funding."

Sawyer also says he believes in term limits and will serve in the Senate if elected for no more than two terms.

"If the people give me the honor to represent them I will go to Montgomery and do what is best for them, and then after two terms I will come home," he said.

The Democratic Primary for Senate District 31 between Joe Sawyer and Jimmy Hefley will be held on May 6.

Adams, a former senator who represented the district, has also qualified to run for the Senate seat as a Republican.

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Obituaries

FRANCIS ALTON CARLILE

Mr. Francis Alton "Al" Carlile, age 77, of Dothan, Ala., died April 14, 2006 at Flowers Hospital.

Survivors include his wife:

Sue (husband Donnie)

Earles, Samson, Ala., Debbie

Screws, Sebring, Fla., three

sons: Douglas (wife Daphne)

Carlile, Avon Park, Fla.

Howard (wife Brenda) Carlile,

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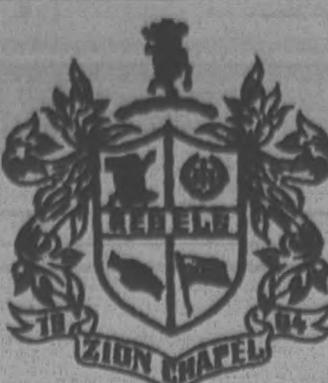
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SCHOOLS



Zion Chapel High School REBEL NEWS

Julie Norris, Sponsor

Five-Year review completed April 6th

by Jerry Barnes, principal

The Zion Chapel School has just completed a Self-Study as required by SACS (Southern Association of Colleges and Schools).

The Self-Study contains pertinent information about the school, its goals, mission statements and successes and needs it has identified as important.

A part of the Self-Study process involved a visiting committee composed of educators Rex Bryan (chair), Dothan High School; Janet Bradley, Dothan High School; Lester Nichols, Daleville High School; and Kay Parker, Geneva County High School that visited our school. Their role was to examine our documents, the Self-Study, and make determinations regarding the effectiveness of the study. In other words, to see what we are doing.

On April 4 and 5, the visiting committee examined our Self-Study and recorded their findings. They reviewed our school improvement plan, safety plan, and other documents; toured the campus; and talked with administrators, teachers, students, parents, and community members to assure that we meet SACS standards and have a viable plan for school improvement.

The visiting team was very complimentary and said they were doing a good job.

Students participate in powerlifting meet

enjoyed their visit at our school facility. A copy of these findings will be available by the end of the month. A copy will be on file in the principal's office and we encourage our parents to look over the report at any time.

The report will examine two main areas. Any standards that are violated will be listed and in addition, recommendations made by the visiting committee will be documented in this valuable report.

We take our role as educators seriously. I think it will be apparent once the report has been received from the SACS office in Montgomery.

The School Leadership team consisted of Jerry Barnes, principal; Bob Hartwell, assistant principal; Cara Knight, guidance counselor; Lori McCrary, cafeteria; math teacher; Brenda Roberts, ZC Elementary reading coach; Anna Connally, special education teacher; Lisa Smith, first grade teacher; Jann Henson, seventh grade teacher; Jan Prescott, community representative; Dean Rainey, community representative; Jennifer Amlong, parent representative; Britley Parker, parent representative; and Luke Peters, student representative.

Thanks to all stakeholders who made this review such a success. A special thanks to Shirley Goodson for her efforts as hostess during the review.

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JR. BETA INDUCTION CEREMONY (by Nicole Napper and Nicole Mauldin) On Feb. 24, the Zion Chapel Jr. Beta Club held a light induction ceremony for the new members and their families. Those inducted were members of the Zion Chapel Jr. Beta Club were: Lawson Amlong, Sindi Paul, P.J. Benton, Sage Peterson, Kyle Bowless, Amber Powell, Brian Cobb, Noah Sanders, Megan Cox, Markel Senn, Ashleigh DeSandro, Morgan Senn, Nicolle Faulk, Caleb Walden, Huey Green, Zack Ward, Matthew Griffis, Brandon Barnhill, Charlie Little, Michelle Downing, Leanna Miles, Amelia Petry, Courtney Napper, Jennifer Cook, Cassandra Nelson, Heather Hines, Cheyenne Nelson, Landan Peters, Dillon Roberts, Brittany Simmons, Garrett Stinson and Lance Walden. The requirements to join and be a member of Jr. Beta include maintaining an 88 average in core classes and possessing qualities of outstanding leadership, character and service.

FBLA members attend state conference in Birmingham

by Melani Perry

The Zion Chapel Chapter of FBLA is continuing to excel. Many members of FBLA recently attended FBLA state conference in Birmingham where they performed exceedingly well.

McKinley Arnette not only placed third in the state for business procedures but also campaigned for and won the office of District IV Vice President.

The members of the parliamentary procedure team, consisting of Donna Flowers, Stacey Williams, Jenna Mobjley, Keagan White and Jackie Cowart, place second in the state.

Keri Hobbs competed in job interview and placed in the top six.

Congratulations to all of the FBLA competitors. Our school was represented well.

ZCCCLC's summer enrichment program to be offered

Zion Chapel School announces that the Zion Chapel Community Learning Center (ZCCCLC) will again be offering a summer enrichment program for students who have completed grade Kindergarten through 8th grade.

This program will provide additional instruction and enrichment for student participants. The summer program will run for two weeks from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m., Monday through Friday, beginning Monday, June 12, and ending Friday, June 23.

The theme this summer will be "Discover Alabama." The fun hands-on activities will include all core academic subjects as well as art, music and physical activity.

Classes will be taught by certified teachers, and class enrollment will be small to allow for individualized assistance and interactions with students.

At the end of the two weeks, the group will take a field trip to Dauphin Island where the students will tour the bay doing hands on activities presented by the crew of the fishing/shrimping

boat.

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SPORTS

Plenty of action as youth baseball and softball seasons begin at Elba parks



Following are highlights of the youth baseball and softball action played in Elba the past two weeks:

Coach-Pitch Baseball

Orioles 10 Indians 9 - The Orioles scored seven runs in their final at-bat to edge the Indians 10-9. Kenneth Cole and Romello Jones both scored 2 runs to lead the Orioles, while scoring one run were J. Cole Spicer, Dalton Sewell, Cavaosca Stinson, Dalton Parrish, Quan Jordan and Kendra Jordan. Tanner Hudson and Landon Carney both scored 2 runs for the Indians, while scoring one run were Vili Morgan, Talon Flowers, Korius Foster, Thomonta Jones and Tydene Sistrunk.

Red Sox 18 Cubs 8 - The Red Sox led all the way to outscore the Cubs 18-8. Nick Johnson scored 4 runs to lead the Red Sox, while Chase Moseley and Sean Carter both scored 3 runs, Tripp Hudson and B.J. Free both scored 2 runs and Zack Odorn, Jeremiah Jordan, Tanner Herrington and Zack Marler all scored 1 run.

Indians 26 Cubs 17 - The Indians pulled ahead early and never looked back to defeat the Cubs 26-17. Korus Foster, Talon Flowers, Tanner Hudson and Dantavious Williams all scored 4 runs to lead the Indians, while Levi Morgan scored 3 runs; Landon Carney, Tydene Sistrunk and Trinton Smith all scored 2 runs; and Jamil Smith scored 1 run. Grant Akrilde scored 4 runs to lead the Cubs, while Isaiah Kyles scored 3 runs, Braxton Robinson and Keahon Reese both scored 2 runs, and Harley Sanders, Jordan, Logan, Chase, Troy Funk and C.J. Echols all scored 1 run.

DIXIE MINOR BASEBALL

Kinston 5 Elba Cardinals 1 - Kinston scored all its runs in two innings to claim a 5-1 win over the Elba Cardinals. Brent Nobles, Lance Clark, Grayson Sessions and T.J. Glass all had 1 hit and scored 1 run to lead Kinston, while Hayden Disstoll and Ty Stewart both had 1 hit for the Cardinals and Matthew Marler scored 1 run.

Elba 9 New Brockton 5 - Elba claimed its first win of the season by posting a 9-5 win over New Brockton. Colton Vaughan and Brock Lambert both had 2 hits and scored 1 run. Kevin Allen had 1 hit and scored 1 run to lead Elba, while Colton Vaughan and Jantzen Flowers also added 1 hit and scored 2 runs. Wesley Person had the best of the Cardinals and Matthew Meeks added 1 hit for the White.

Zion Chapel 11 Elba 3 - Zion Chapel led all the way to open the season with an 11-3 win over Elba. Lance Walden had 2 hits and scored 3 runs to lead Zion Chapel, while Hayden Gibson and Ryan Hobart both added 2 hits and scored 2 runs. Kevin Allen had 1 hit and scored 1 run to lead Elba, while Vonta Porter and Chester Person both scored one run.

Zion Chapel 20 Brantley 2 - Zion Chapel scored early and often to claim a 20-2 win over Brantley. Josh Dease, Garrett Stinson and Corey Snellgrove all had 2 hits and scored 2 runs to lead Zion Chapel, while Hayden Gibson added 2 hits and scored 1 run and Ryan Hobart added 2 hits. Archie Perkins had 1 hit and scored 1 run to lead Brantley, while Chester Person also scored 1 run.

Zion Chapel 3 New Brockton 5 - The Zion Chapel Gray pulled out to a big early lead and rolled to a 9-5 win over New Brockton. Mickey Cox and Ethan Daniel both had 1 hit and scored 2 runs to lead the Gray, while Cody Daniels scored 2 runs. Keagan Hales had 1 hit and scored 1 run to lead New Brockton, while Whit Custer added 1 hit.

Zion Chapel 13 Brantley 9 - The Elba Salsas pulled ahead early and held on to down Brantley 13-9. Scott, Henderson and Sams all scored 2 runs to lead the Salsas, while scoring one run were Derryberry, Bryan, Parish, Carpenter, Watkins and Whitfield. Scoring 2 runs were Akia, Summer, Sydnee and Peyton, while Elisha Custer added 1 hit.

Brantley Bulldogs 17 Kinston Dixie Chicks 0 - The Brantley Bulldogs pulled ahead early and held on to rally past the Kinston Dixie Chicks. Sarah D., Kelsey H. and Amanda E. all scored 3 runs for the Bulldogs, while Lauren J., Caitlin C. and Dominique C. all scored 2 runs and Chelsea S. and Faith D. both scored 1 run. Cassidy had the only hit for the Chicks.

Brantley Bulldogs 12 Elba Salsas 1-1 - The Brantley Bulldogs led all the way to defeat the Elba Salsas 12-1. Kelsey H. and Tamara T. both had 2 hits to lead the Bulldogs, while Amanda U. and Faith D. both had 1 hit. Brittany Compton had 1 hit to lead the Salsas.

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DIXIE PONYTAILS SOFTBALL

Elba Heat 19 Brantley Bulldogs 0 - The Elba Heat made it look easy in a 19-0 win over the Brantley Bulldogs. Whitfield scored 3 runs to lead the Heat, while Molly McGuire, Morgan Mathews, Bethany Wilson, Shabria Thomas, Bradshaw and Eliza Dewberry all scored 2 runs and scoring one run were Sarah Bane, Kei-Auna Edwards, Breanna Jackson and Meagan Concannon. Bradley managed only one base runner in the loss.

Zion Chapel Red 11 New Brockton Red 10 - The Zion Chapel Red pulled ahead early and held on late to escape with a wild 11-10 win over the New Brockton Red. Aaron McColough had 1 hit and scored 2 runs to lead Zion Chapel, while Shelly Stephens added 1 hit and scored 1 run. Slade Nalley and Rusty Hardee both added 1 hit and scored 2 runs to lead the Cardinals, while Emily Stephens had 1 hit and scored 1 run to lead the Bravettes, while Logan Bailey and Justin Pope both added 1 hit and scored 2 runs. Jason Sasser added 1 hit and scored 2 runs, Arion Simon added 1 hit and scored 1 run and Noah McDaniel scored 2 runs.

Elba Braves 11 Samson 5 - The Elba Braves exploded for seven runs in the final inning to rally and claim a 11-5 win over Samson. Jon Ashley Amison blasted a 3-run homer and scored 2 runs to lead the Braves, while Logan Bailey and Justin Pope both added 1 hit and scored 2 runs. Rusty Hardee and Tyler Beckwith added 1 hit. John Nathan Dunaway had 2 hits and scored 1 run to lead the White, while Jordan Jones added 1 hit and scored 2 runs.

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Zion Chapel Red 18 Brantley Bulldogs 15 - The Zion Chapel Red scored runs in bunches to outscore the Brantley Bulldogs 18-15. Goodson, McColough and Sanders all had 2 hits to lead the Red, while Nelson, Vinson, Miles, Senn and Hudson all added 1 hit. Elisha, Paige, Starla and Summer all had 1 hit to lead the Bulldogs.

Elba Heat 16 Zion Chapel Black 2 - The Elba Heat pulled ahead early and never looked back in a 16-2 win over the Zion Chapel Black. Sarah Bane and Behan Wilson both had 2 hits to lead the Black, while Lizzy Carney and Paige Gibson both had 1 hit.

Zion Chapel Lady Dawgs 8 New Brockton 2 - The Kinston Lady Dawgs pulled ahead early and slowly pulled away to down New Brockton 8-2. Weeks and Mock both had 1 hit to lead the Lady Dawgs. Cotter had 2 hits to lead New Brockton and Freese ripped a home-run.

DIXIE YOUTH BASEBALL

Elba Yankees 5 Kinston 3 - The Elba Yankees pulled ahead early and held off a late rally to down Kinston 5-3. Seth Haney had 1 hit and scored 1 run to lead the Yankees, while Ashton Senn added 1 hit and collected 2 rbi's and Bo Wiggins, Gunnar McColough, Tyler Anderson and Tyvonne Smith all scored 1 run. Evans had 1 hit to lead Kinston, while K. Mack, B. Avant and D. Dray all scored 1 run.

New Brockton Red 30 Zion Chapel Gray 1 - The New Brockton Red made it look easy in a 30-1 win over the Zion Chapel Gray. Garrett Stephens had 4 hits and scored 3 runs to lead the Red, while Cody Barber and Adam Bryant both added 3 hits and scored 4 runs, Josh McDaniel added 2 hits and scored 4 runs, Ryan Boop added 2 hits and scored 2 runs and Keith Stevens had 1 hit and scored 2 runs. Mark Bilez scored the only hit for the Gray.

Zion Chapel Red 6 New Brockton White 2 - The Zion Chapel Red staged a late rally to post a wild 6-2 win over the New Brockton White. Jarrod Lott had 2 hits and scored 1 run to lead the Red, while Wesley Black, Zack Ward and Brett Cardwell all added 1 hit and scored 1 run. Brandon Farmer had 1 hit and scored 1 run to lead the White, while Garrett Stephenson added 1 hit.

New Brockton White 4 Elba A's 1 - The New Brockton White scored all its runs in the final two innings to pull away and defeat the Elba A's 4-1. Adam Bryant had 2 hits and scored 1 run to lead the White, while Chris Green added 1 hit and scored 1 run. Harry Griffin had 1 hit and scored 1 run to lead the A's, while Dylan Seay added 1 hit.

Zion Chapel Red 9 New Brockton Red 4 - The Zion Chapel Red pulled ahead early and pulled away late to defeat the New Brockton Red 9-4. Wesley Black and Samson Diamonk both had 1 hit and scored 2 runs to lead Zion Chapel, while Brett Cardwell and Ethan Lott both had 1 hit and scored 1 run and Lawson Amlong and Dylan Mobley both had 1 hit. Garrett Stephenson had 2 hits and scored 1 run to lead New Brockton, while Chris Greene added 1 hit and scored 1 run to lead the White.

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Troncale was also a finalist for editorial writing in this year's American Society of Newspaper Editors writing contest.

Household garbage will not be picked up by the town's street department. Also, trash not property sorted will not be picked up.

Residents not familiar with the rules of the town's trash pickup can contact the New Brockton Town Hall for further direction.

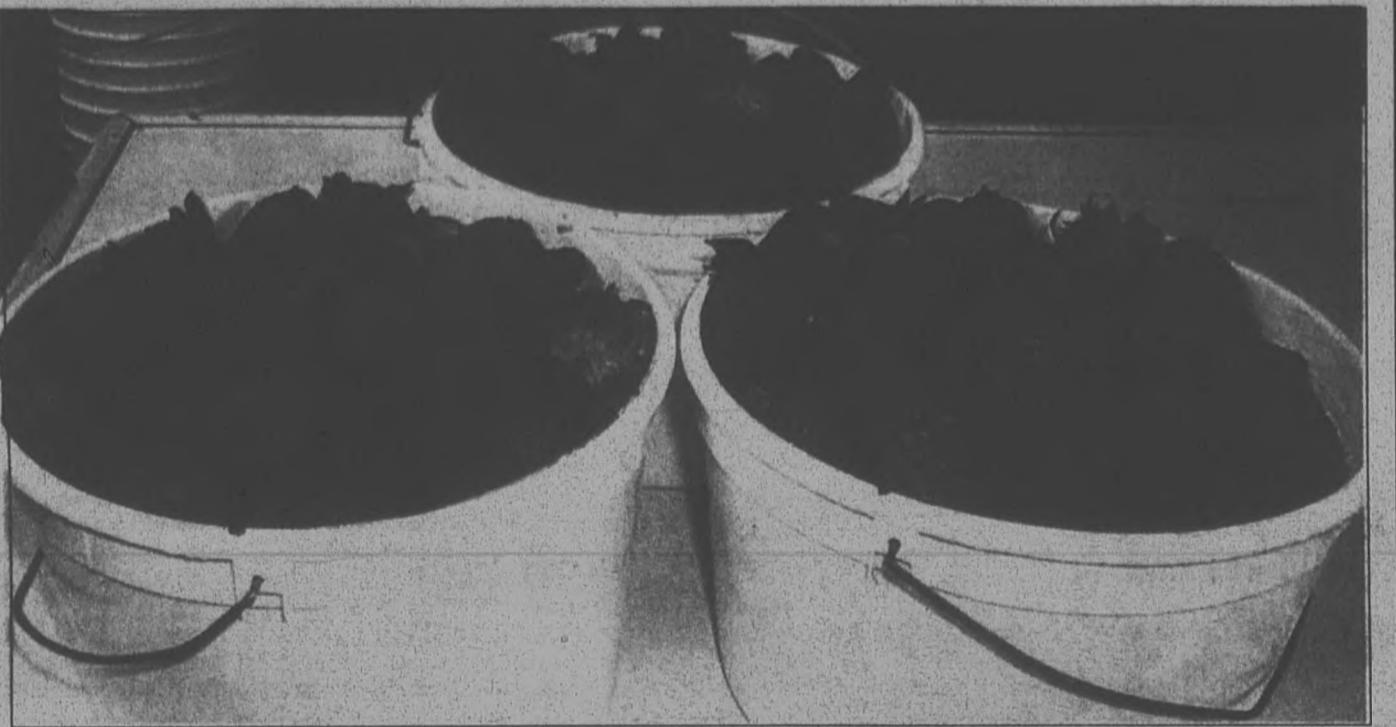
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MEET THE QUEENS...The New Brockton Town Council recognized newly crowned queens Monday evening, April 3, during the regular monthly meeting of the council. Queens in attendance for the meeting were Miss New Brockton Alexis Adams (left) and Junior Miss New Brockton Callie Hollis (right). Both young ladies said they are excited to represent the Town of New Brockton throughout the upcoming year.

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system is one of 72 in Alabama with this distinction. The others (about 40) are not SACS accredited.

• 100% of Elba graduating seniors made passing grades on the High School Graduation Exam! This includes Special Ed students. Weeks said this was the first time he knows of this ever happening in Elba.

• The Elba Elementary ARFI (Reading) monitoring report was very complimentary of the work being done by the teachers in the Elba system.

• The state required Superintendent Evaluation is underway and a review committee staff member will meet with school board members for their input on May 9th.

• Weeks reviewed two possible school calendars for the coming school year. He noted

that the local teacher committee had not met to discuss the two options, but would convene before the next board meeting. At the May meeting the board will be asked to approve a school calendar for 2006-2007 school year.

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While no action has been taken yet by Coffee County Commissioners
Bid suggests garbage collection fees
will increase for Coffee County residents

by Linda Hodge, Editor

During the regular bimonthly meeting, Coffee County Commissioners opened bids Monday morning, April 24, for the county's garbage collection service; however, the matter was tabled to allow further discussion at a work session meeting.

Tindell said everything looked to be in order with the bid, but Commissioner Doug Dalrymple said he would like the commission to table the bid and invite representatives from Arrow to attend the commission's next work session to discuss the issue further before any action is taken.

The submitted bid came from Arrow at \$78,711 per month.

"We were anticipating a rather large increase," said county engineer Ray Tindell. "This is a three year bid, and the price of fuel has increased drastically since the last bid."

According to Tindell, the county currently pays just over \$52,000 per month for garbage collection. County residents

During Elba City Council meeting

Mayor Grimes reports lower than
expected sanitary sewer repair bids

by Ferri Cox, Publisher

collect back license fees, interest and penalties.

Both Enterprise and New Brockton have used the firm in the past. Enterprise reportedly gained 675 new business licenses and additional revenue of \$162,277. New Brockton gained 57 new business licenses and additional revenue of \$5,743.

The council voted unanimously to work with this firm on delinquent city licenses.

City Clerk Wayne Granahan reported that day to day business seems to be working well within the city.

Grimes reported that a recreation grant to rebuild the tennis courts at Hawkins Williams Park and construct new bathrooms at Legion Field has been turned down. He explained that the work will be in an area which includes the Mullins/Kendrick Apartments area.

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